Separation Action Transaction Code: (PA40)

**Purpose** Use this procedure to separate an employee from the State. The procedure is

broken down by role, since multiple people are responsible for performing portions

of this procedure.

**Trigger** Perform this procedure when an employee has voluntary or involuntarily decided to

separate from state service and the separation date is known.

• The separation date is known.

• See Helpful Hints section for additional information.

**End User Roles** In order to perform this transaction you must be assigned the following role:

Personnel Administration (PA) Processor, Payroll Processor, Benefits Processor, and

Time & Attendance Processor

Change History		
Date Change Description		
8/4/2009	Update procedure template, screenshots and added information in Helpful Hints.	
8/7/2009	Patty Peterson – Updated information related to end dating deductions.	

Menu Path

Human Resources → Personnel Management → Administration → HR Master Data

→ Personnel Actions

**Transaction Code** PA40

Helpful Hints	<ul> <li>If the employee has separated from state service prior to the completion of sec continuous months and has accrued annual leave, the accrued amount will need to be removed so it is not accessible to the employee if they do return to state service at a later date. Follow OLQR procedure, Quota Removing Accrued Leave.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>If the employee has separated from the agency before the system generates the employee's last accruals, the agency will need to create a Quota Correction (2013) to force the accruals.</li> </ul>
	The Quota Correction (2013) and ZT60 execution will need to be completed before the Separation action can begin. If this is not done, the employee will have incorrect end dates for their last month's accruals.
	<ul> <li>If the employee has multiple concurrent Positions and is only being separated from one position, be careful to delimit only infotypes related to the separated position.</li> </ul>
	• Leave buyout information to PERS Plan 1, TRS Plan 1, and WSPRS Plan 1



members commissioned prior to July 1, 2001 should be reported to DRS. In creating the Time Quota Compensation (0416) leave buyout for PERS Plan 2 employees, the compensation method 9004 (Annl Leave Buyout – No Ret) should be used. If an incorrect infotype is created, the buyout will be reported to DRS and will need to be deleted.

- This procedure may require hand-offs to other roles (payroll processor and/or benefits processor) depending on the structure of your agency and your role at your agency.
  - The *Personnel Administration Processor*, the *Payroll Processor*, the *Benefits Processor*, and the *Time & Attendance Processor* will use this procedure to separate an employee from their current position, terminate an employee's retirement benefits, compensate them for unused leave, delimit their personal holiday, and delete any time/compensation entries past the separation date.

#### **Personnel Administration Processor** tasks:

Perform the Separation Action (PA40)

### Payroll Processor tasks:

- Delimit recurring payments
  - Union deductions should be end dated to avoid the gaining agency from the need to perform reimbursements if the employee is rehired later by a different agency.
- Delimit bond purchases
- Compensate for unused leave

#### Benefits Processor tasks:

• Delimit Savings Plan and Miscellaneous Plans

### Time & Attendance Processor tasks:

• Delete any time/compensation entries in CATS that were entered past the separation date.

This will need to be completed prior to the PA Processor starting the Separation Action. The following message will appear if not done,

• Delete any entries past the separation date from infotypes such as *Employee Remuneration Info* (2010) or *Absences* (2001).



#### Questions to think about:

- Is the employee entitled to an accrual?
- Has leave been taken for the pay period?
- ZT60 and ZCAT6 should be ran on the employee to ensure the



employee has the correct leave balance.
 Correct leave buyout codes reported to DRS.

- HRMS only sends status codes A and B to DRS. Annual leave buyouts should be reported as status codes N for nonretirees or T (up to 240 hours) for retirees.
- Excess Vacation leave cash buyouts for retirees should be reported using status code *U*.
- After the information is sent to DRS, you will have to go to DRS Web-based Services to logon, create and submit a report via the Web-Based Employer Transmittal (WBET) application. Change the status code on the leave buyouts to N, T or U. For more information on this process, see Correct Leave Buyout Reporting to DRS.
- Change the Payroll Status (if required)
- If the Separation is a result of a Reduction in Force (RIF), the
  employee has the option of deferring the payment of their annual
  leave buyout for 30 working days. If they elect to do that, you will
  need to change the Payroll Status to continue running payroll for
  that employee until the date of the deferred buyout.

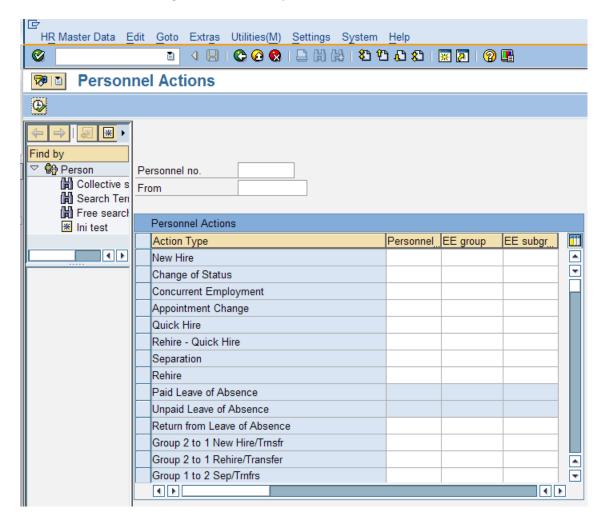
The system may display three types of messages at various points in the process. The messages you see may differ from those shown on screen shots in this procedure. The types of messages and responses are shown below:

Message Type	Description
	Example: Make an entry in all required fields.  Action: Fix the problem(s) and then click (Enter) to validate and proceed.
	Example: Record valid from xx/xx/xxxx to 12/31/9999 delimited at end.  Action: If an action is required, perform the action. Otherwise, click  (Enter) to validate and proceed.
Confirmation or	Example: Save your entries.  Action: Perform the required action to proceed.



### **Procedure**

1. Start the transaction using the above menu path or transaction code **PA40**.



R=Required Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry				
Field Name	R/O/C	Description		
Personnel no.	R	The employee's unique identifying number.		
		<b>Example</b> : 40000063		



# 3. Perform one of the following:

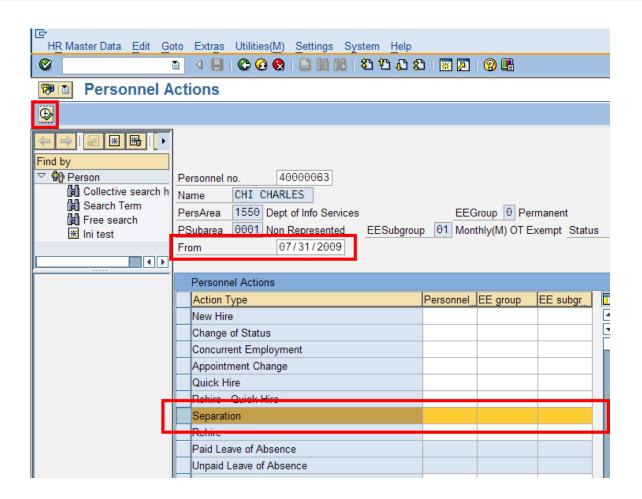
IF	Go To
You are the <b>Personnel Administration Processor</b>	Step 4
You are the <i>Payroll Processor</i>	Step 12
You are the <b>Benefits Processor</b>	Step 40

# 4. Complete the following fields:

R=Required Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry		
Field Name	R/O/C	Description
From	R	The effective date of the action.
		Only enter the <i>From</i> date if you are the Personnel Administration Processor initiating the appointment change action. <b>Example</b> : 07/31/2009

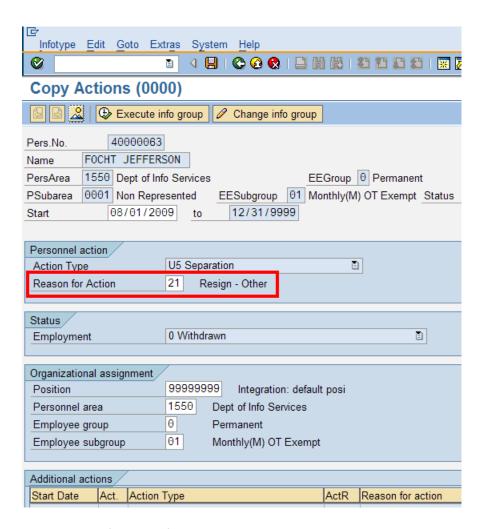
5. Click the box to the left of Separation to select.





- 6. Click (Enter) to validate the information.
- 7. Click (Execute) to execute the action.



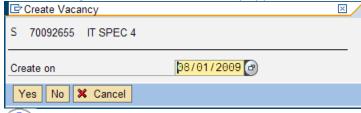


I	R=Require	ed Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry
Field Name	R/O/C	Description
Reason for	R	It stores the reason that an action has been performed.
Action		Click the (Matchcode) to open the selection list.
		Example: 21 Resign - Other

- 9. Click (Enter) to validate the information.
- 10. Click (Save) to save.



11. The following Information windows may appear:



If a **Create Vacancy** screen displays. Click Yes to proceed.





'The IT 0027 Cost Distribution has been delimited at the end of the pay period due to separation' message may appear. Click (Continue) to proceed.



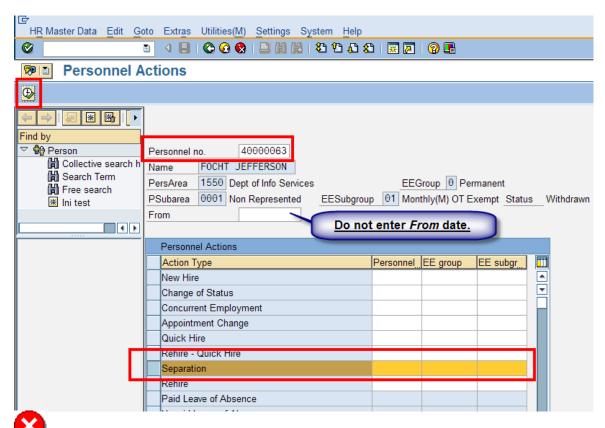
For the *Personnel Administration Processor*, this marks the end of the Separation action.

After saving, click (Exit) to exit the action and transfer the Separation information to the **Payroll Processor** who will continue the action.

The *Payroll Processor* will need to verify and correct quota balances before starting their portion of the Separation Action.

12. Start the transaction using the above menu path or transaction code **PA40**.



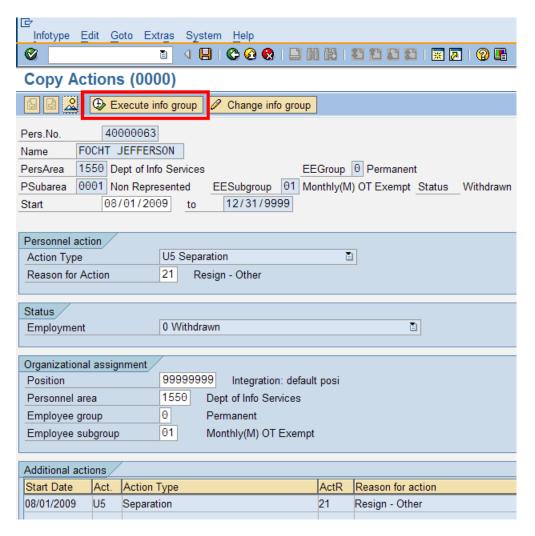


Payroll Processor —Do not put a "From" date in the field prior to executing the transaction.

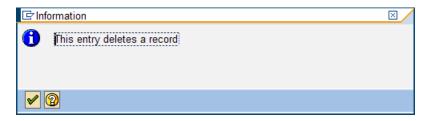
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Field Name R/O/C Description			
Personnel no.	R	The employee's unique identifying number.	
		<b>Example</b> : 40000063	

- 14. Click (Enter) to validate the information.
- 15. Click the box to the left of Separation to select
- 16. Click (Execute) to start the transaction.



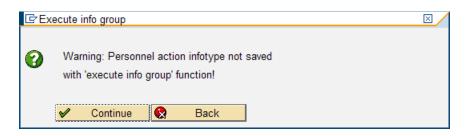


17. Click Execute info group

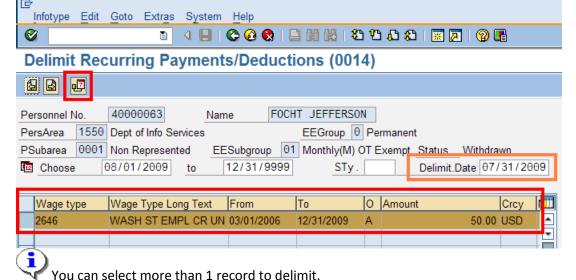


18. An Information window will appear. Click (Continue) to continue.





- This infotype was already saved and it is okay to continue.
- 19. An Execute info group window will appear. Click Continue (Continue) to continue.
- 20. Click (Next Record) until you reach Delimit Recurring Payments/Deductions (0014) infotype.



Verify the Delimit Date. This should be the last day of the pay period (15<sup>th</sup> or last day of month)

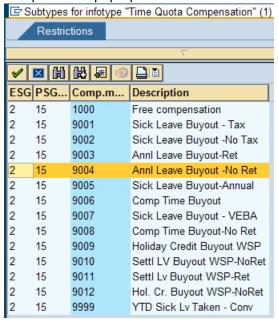
21. Click the box to the left of the payment or deduction to delimit.



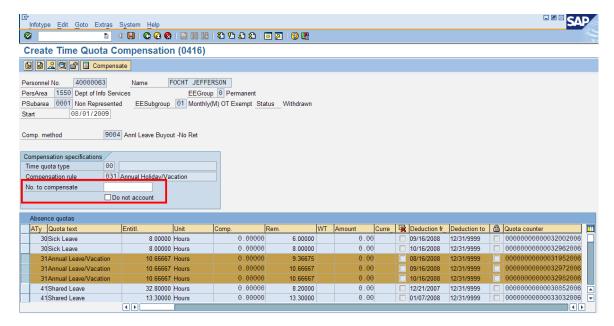
- 22. Click (Delimit) once again to assign an end date to the record.
- 23. Repeat Steps 21-22 for additional deductions and payments. (Such as Bond Purchases (0103)
- 24. Union deductions should be end dated to avoid the gaining agency from the need to perform reimbursements if the employee is rehired later by a different agency.



25. Continue to click (Next Record) until you reach the Subtypes for infotype "Time Quota Compensation pop-up window.



- 26. Click on the appropriate Compensation Method to select.
- 27. Click (Copy) to accept.



28. Click the box to the left of the quota to compensate.

Prior to activating the buyout, verify the employee's eligibility. Make sure that the start

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date is the last day of employment so the employee will be paid on their last day.

### 29. Complete the following fields:

R=Required Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry		
Field Name	R/O/C	Description
No. to compensate	R	This allows the user to enter the number of hours or days of a quota type to be paid out to an employee.
		<b>Example:</b> 30.70009

**Tip:** For information on the Sick leave annual buy-out process, please refer to the HRMS Message Center (http://www.dop.wa.gov/HRMS/CustomerSupport/Messages/) and select the communication titled **Annual Sick Leave Buy-out** sent on 1/15/2009. This communication provides the necessary steps for processing the buyout and the calculations methods.

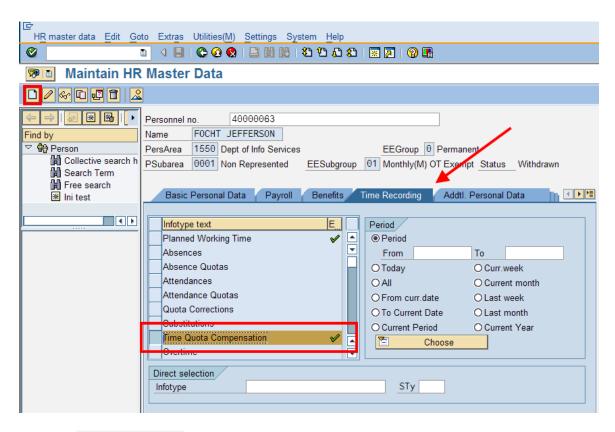
- 30. Click (Enter) to validate the information.
- 31. Click (Save) to save.

## 32. Perform one of the following:

IF	Go To
The employee has additional quota types to buyout,	Step 32
The employee has no additional quota types to buyout,	Step 39

33. Enter /nPA30 in the command field.



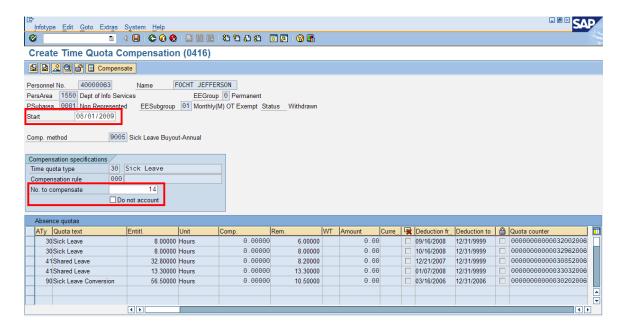


- 34. Click the Time Recording tab to select.
- 35. In the Direct selection field, enter the Time Quota Compensation (0416) infotype and select the appropriate Subtype to compensate in the Sty field. Click (Enter) to validate the information.



36. Click (Create) to create a new record.





## 37. Complete the following fields:

R=Required Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry		
Field Name	R/O/C	Description
Start	R	This is the date on which a record begins. <b>Example:</b> 08/01/2009
No. to compensate	R	This allows the user to enter the number of hours or days of a quota type to be paid out to an employee.
		Example: 14

- 38. Click (Enter) to validate the information.
- 39. Click (Save) to save. Repeat Steps 35 39, if you need to compensate additional quota types.

When reducing hours for the employee's Personal Holiday, check the 'Do no account' box. This will reduce the balance and will not compensate them for the hours.

- 40. You have completed this portion of the transaction.
  - To remove accrued annual leave when an employee separates from state service prior to completing six continuous months of employment, follow the OLQR procedure, <u>Quota –</u> <u>Removing Accrued Leave – Quota Corrections</u>.
  - If required, correct the leave buyout codes report to the Department of Retirement

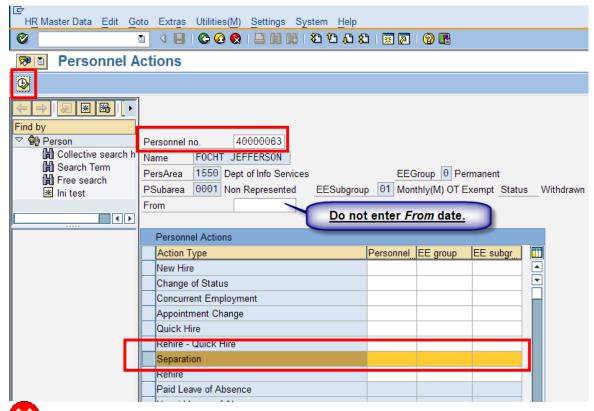


Systems. (See Helpful Hints section)



For the *Payroll Processor*, this marks the end of the Separation action. After saving, end the transaction and transfer the information to the person who sets up employee benefits in HRMS (Retirement). This role is the *Benefits Processor*.

41. Start the transaction using the above menu path or transaction code **PA40**.



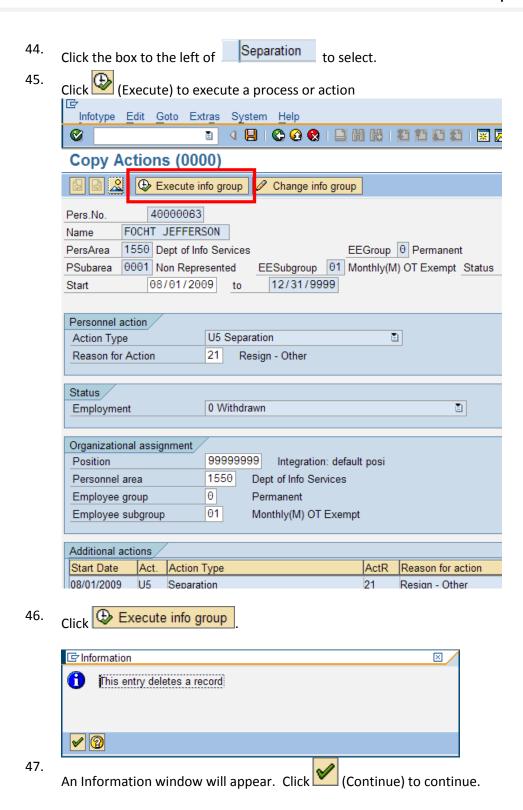
**Benefits Processor** –Do not put a "From" date in the field prior to executing the transaction.

42. Complete the following fields:

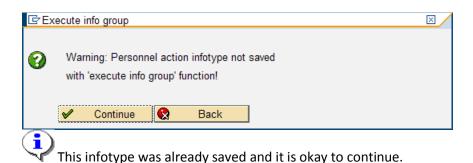
R=Required Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry			
Field Name R/O/C Description			
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43. Click (Enter) to validate the information.

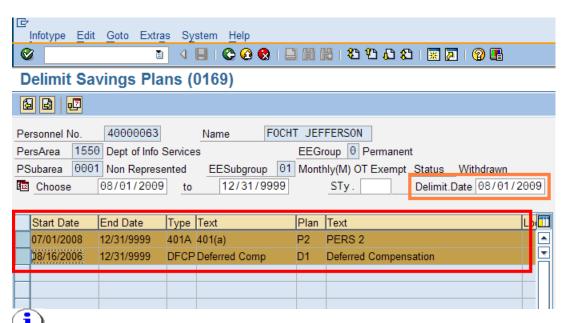








48. An Execute info group window will appear. Click Continue (Continue) to continue.



You can select more than one record to delimit. Delimit the employee's Retirement Plan, and Deferred Compensation if applicable.

R=Required Entry O=Optional Entry C=Conditional Entry								
Field Name	R/O/C	Description						
Delimit Date	R	This involves setting an end date for a record when it will no longer be valid. Delimited records are retained as an historical record.  The delimit date entered for Savings Plan (0169) will be the 16 <sup>th</sup> or the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the month.						



Example:	08/01/2009
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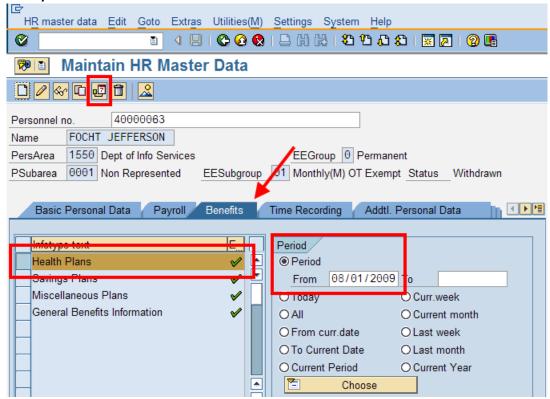
50. Click the box to the left of the payment or deduction to delimit.

Ī	07/01/2008	12/31/9999	401A	401(a)	P2	PERS 2
Ī	08/16/2006	12/31/9999	DFCP	Deferred Comp	D1	Deferred Compensation

51. Click (Delimit) to assign an end date to the record.

This is the end of the Separation action using **PA40** (Personnel Actions). The next step is to delimit the employee's Health Insurance plans.

52. Enter /nPA30 in the command field.

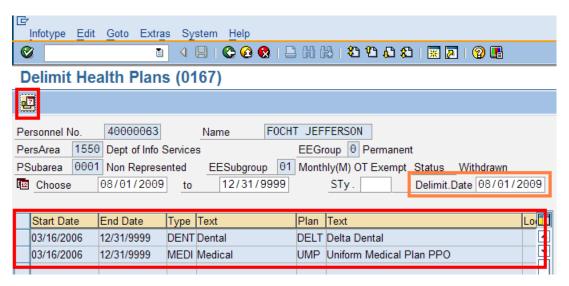


- 53. Click the Benefits tab to select.
- 54. Click the box to the left of Health Plans to select.
- 55. In the Time period section, click Period and enter the From date as the delimit date of the Health Plans (0167) infotype.





Click (Delimit) to assign an end date to the record.

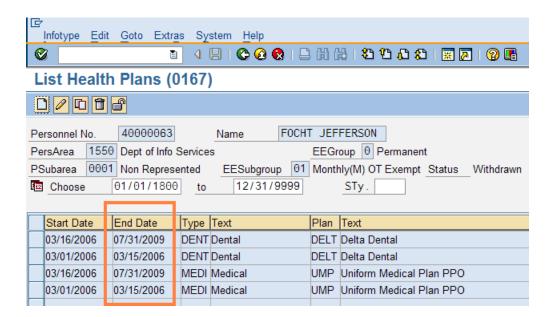


You can select more than one record to delimit. Delimit the employee's dental and medical plan. Also verify you have entered the correct Delimit Date.

Health Plans (0167) infotype should have an end date of the last day of the month. When the records have been delimited, the system will minus a day. For our employee, the date of 08/01/2009 was used, and the end date will be set as 07/31/2009.

57. Click (Delimit) once again to assign an end date to the record.





Health Insurance Premiums are collected each pay period. As an example, the July 10 and July 25 pay dates are collected for the employee's July premiums. If the employee separates from state service prior to the second pay date of the month, the employee still owes their portion of their Health Benefits to the agency. The Payroll Processor will enter those employee deductions using Additional Payments (0015) infotype with Wage Types 2983 (Health Adjustment Pretax) or 2984 (Health Adjustment Post Tax), and Wage Type 2550 (Health – ER Share). See OLQR Procedure, One Time Deduction.



For the *Benefits Processor*, this marks the end of the Separation action.

58. You have completed this transaction.

### **Results**

You have successfully separated an employee, terminated any recurring payments, delimited their retirement benefits, compensated them for unused leave, and deleted any time/compensation entries that were dated after the separation date.

#### **Comments**

None.

